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MEMORANDUM FOR: CPP

SUBJECT: Dr. Gustav Hilger

REFERENCE: Hilger report on the Stalin Succession

1. The substantive papers in question required about four weeks for their production and about three hours in interviews with Dr. Hilger.

2. As a result of this process I am convinced of the following:

a. Hilger is a definite asset.

b. We will seldom get from him precise answers to precise questions. We can, however, profit greatly from his evolutionary thought.

c. He can only be exploited by mature and intelligent persons.

d. His problem has three aspects: administrative, security, and exploitation.

3. I believe that the answer to the problem of Hilger and his life is to get ahead an extremely high calibre person, say of the stature of [ ] and to charge him with all aspects of these problems. Presumably, he would operate through established agencies in matters of security and administration. This individual probably should be an element of ISR.

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